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This publication is a summary of the marketing activities of New York Grown Celery, Corn, Cucumber, Beans and Lettuce for the 1981 season. It contains shipping point and wholesale terminal market prices, shipment and unloads information, as well as acreage and production information. This summary was made available by the New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets, Division of Market Development, cooperating with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - BEANS

WEATHER AND CROP: Widespread dry weather during March and early April, allowed field activity to start earlier than usual. By mid-May, snap bean planting had become very active. Through mid-June, planting continued on schedule, with earlier planted beans making excellent growth due to timely, intermittent rains. During the last two weeks of June, snap bean cultivation and planting was slowed by wet weather, with early varieties beginning to bud. By mid-July, snap bean harvesting had begun, with the crop in fair to good condition, following rain and very warm temperatures in early July. During late July and the first two weeks of August, harvest volume increased with the crop in generally good condition. Heavy, intermittent showers in late August slowed harvest and resulted in delayed maturation, and mold problems in some fields. Harvesting continued until about the third week of September, with growers slowed by continued rain and variable quality beans.

MARKETING: The first bean F.O.B. report was issued on Wednesday, July 22, 1981, with the first quotation at \$7.00-9.00 per bushel crate, with variable quality responsible for the wide price range. Heavy rains resulted in light supplies until August 3, when there were a few sales reported at \$8.00-9.00 per bushel. Until mid-August, prices were generally steady, with F.O.B.'s holding near the \$7.00-8.00 range. From mid-August until the crop was finished, there were insufficient sales to report F.O.B. prices. Movement continued sporadically during this period, with generally light demand, fair to poor quality beans due to abnormally heavy rainfall and very light offerings, as some growers and shippers diverted beans to processors.

MOVEMENT: The 1981 crop movement totaled 53 trucklots (40,000 lbs.) compared to 49 for the 1980 season, and 99 trucklots for the 1979 season.

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BEANS-1981 SEASONWESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK  
F.O.B. PRICES

WEEK ENDING	ROUND GREEN, BUSHEL CRATE OR CARTON
July 24	7.00-9.00
31	---
Aug. 7	8.00-9.00
14	7.00-8.00
21	---
28	---
Sept. 4	---

1981 WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK BEANS TRUCK SHIPMENTS IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS (40,000 LB. UNITS)

WEEK ENDING	WEEKLY TOTAL
July 24	4
31	6
Aug. 7	13
14	6
21	5
28	10
Sept. 4	7
7	2

1981 TOTAL Trucklots - 53

C E L E R Y1981 CROP

ACREAGE: In the 1981 season, 680 acres of celery were planted in New York, a decrease from 770 acres planted in 1980. Harvest acreage decreased from the 710 acres in 1980 to 680 acres in 1981. The total Summer and Fall acreages planted in the U.S. in 1981 decreased from the 17,500 acres in 1979 and from the 17,400 acres in 1980 to 17,350 acres in 1981. Harvested acreage increased from 17,000 in 1980 and 16,520 in 1979 to 17,020 acres in 1981.

PRODUCTION: In New York, the Summer and Fall production increased from the 281,000 cwt in 1979 and the 302,000 cwt in 1980 to 316,000 in 1981. The average yield per acre in the U.S. Summer and Fall of 1981 was 500 cwt compared to 513 cwt in 1980 and 499 cwt in 1979.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Cool and wet weather interrupted celery planting during the beginning of the Season, but by mid-month favorable conditions returned allowing transplanting to continue. May temperatures remained cool the entire month. The first 2 weeks in June had near normal temperatures and precipitation. Some irrigation was necessary. The last 2 weeks of June rainfall returned to normal and in scattered areas above normal. Early July, weather was dry and growers had to irrigate and celery continued with excellent growth. The latter part of July had slightly above normal temperatures. Rains fell in scattered areas. The weather in August was unsettled and had mostly below normal temperatures but caused few delays in fieldwork. In early September, temperatures remained near normal with above average rainfall. By mid-September, temperatures were dropping to a little below normal with a cool Canadian air flowing South and over New York. The majority of harvest was completed by mid-October with the quality of the crop good. October temperatures and precipitation was near normal.

HARVEST: Light cutting began in July and the quality was good despite the dry conditions that prevailed during the month. August temperatures were below normal; cutting continued at a good pace. September weather was near normal until the latter part when a Canadian cold front pushed through bringing low

temperatures to the area. Final cuttings were made by mid-October. Mechanical harvesting was the principal method used to harvest the crop.

MARKETING: The first of the season shipping point F.O.B. Prices were reported by the Federal-State Market News Service on July 20th and reflected that 2 & 2½ dozen brought 10.00-10.50; 3 dozen 9.50; and 4 & 6 dozen 8.50. By mid-August prices decreased for 2 & 2½ dozen 6.00-6.50; 3 dozen 6.50-7.00; 4 & 6 6.00-7.00. By early September, prices started to rise, 2 & 2½ dozen brought 8.50-9.00; 3 dozen 9.00; and 4 & 6 dozen 8.00. Prices remained generally unchanged with last report being issued September 17th.

PACKAGING AND SHIPMENTS: Orange County celery was packed in wirebound crates and all shipments were made by truck. Truck shipments were converted on the basis of 700 crates per trucklot equivalent. Total truck shipments for Orange County numbered 326 trucklot equivalents, compared with 368 in 1980. Peak shipments occurred in the week ending August 29th. Celery was generally precooled.

41 CITIES UNLOADS: New York grown celery was unloaded and sold mostly in Northeastern Markets. New York was the major receiving point, followed by Boston and Philadelphia.

## 1981 ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK CELERY TRUCK SHIPMENTS IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS

DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL	DATE	WEEKLY TOTAL
July 18	8	Sept. 5	28
25	29	12	31
Aug. 1	22	19	14
8	21	26	17
15	26	Oct. 3	15
22	31	10	13
29	34	17	21
		24	17
		27	8

SHIPMENTS BY SEASON:

1981 Total Trucklots 326

1980 Total Trucklots 368

1979 Total Trucklots 360



U.S. WEEKLY CELERY SHIPMENTS IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR 1981  
IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS

WEEK ENDING	(MOVEMENT SHOWN FOR NEW YORK ACTIVE SHIPPING PERIOD)				TOTAL
	FLORIDA	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	MICHIGAN	
July 4	15	-	656	14	685
11	9	-	633	82	724
18	-	4	472	123	599
25	-	30	403	145	578
Aug. 1	-	23	417	153	593
8	-	23	330	173	526
15	-	27	332	153	512
22	-	33	303	175	511
29	-	36	348	194	578
Sept. 5	-	30	388	196	614
12	-	29	320	187	536
19	-	18	442	208	668
26	-	18	443	172	633
Oct. 3	-	17	511	117	645
10	-	15	592	92	699
17	-	19	614	39	672
24	-	12	662	11	685
31	-	9	729	2	740
Nov. 7	9	-	930	-	939
TOTAL	33	343	9525	2236	12137

SOURCE: Weekly Summary Shipments and Unloads - Transportation Section - Market News Branch AMS-USDA

ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK - F.O.B. CELERY PRICES - 1981 SEASON  
Pascal type, wirebound crates, precooled

WEEK ENDING	2 - 2½ Doz.	3 Doz.	4 & 6 Doz.
July 24	10.00	9.00	8.00-8.50
31	8.00-9.00	9.00	8.00
Aug. 7	8.00-8.50	8.00	7.50-8.00
14	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
21	6.00-6.50	6.50	6.00
28	6.00-6.75	6.25-6.75	7.00
Sept. 4	6.00-7.00	6.50-7.00	7.00
11	7.00-7.50	7.25-7.50	7.25-7.50
17	8.50-9.00	9.00	8.00

1981 WEEKLY PRICE RANGE OF NEW YORK CELERY SALES AT IMPORTANT WHOLESALE MARKETS  
MOSTLY WIREBOUND CRATES

<u>B A L T I M O R E</u>					
Week Ending	2 doz.	2½ doz.	3 doz.	4 doz.	6 doz.
July 25	---	10.00	9.00	---	---
Aug. 1	---	10.00	10.00	---	---
8	---	---	---	---	---
15	8.00	8.00	8.00	---	---
22	---	---	---	---	---
29	---	---	---	---	---
Sept. 5	---	8.00-9.00	8.00	---	---
12	---	---	---	---	---

<u>B O S T O N</u>					
Week Ending	2 doz.	2½ doz.	3 doz.	4 doz.	6 doz.
July 25	---	---	---	---	---
Aug. 1	---	---	---	---	---
8	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00
15	7.00	7.00	5.50-6.00	6.00-7.00	6.50
22	6.00-7.00	6.00	5.50-6.00	6.00	6.00
29	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
Sept. 5	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
12	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00

1981 WEEKLY PRICE RANGE OF NEW YORK CELERY SALES AT IMPORTANT WHOLESALE MARKETS  
MOSTLY WIREBOUND CRATES - (continued)

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<u>P H I L A D E L P H I A</u>					
Week Ending	2 Doz.	2½ Doz.	3 Doz.	4 Doz.	6 Doz.
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July 25	-	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	-
Aug. 1	10.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-10.50	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-
15	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	-
22	-	8.00	-	-	-

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1/ New York State prices were not reported in New York City for 1981 Season.

U.S. MONTHLY CELERY UNLOADS - 41 CITIES - RAIL, BOAT AND TRUCK COMBINED IN TRUCKLOT  
EQUIVALENTS BY STATE OF ORIGIN DURING NEW YORK 1981 ACTIVE SEASON

DATE	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	FLORIDA	MICHIGAN	NEW JERSEY	OHIO	OTHER	TOTAL
July	28	1787	19	116	1	37	64	2052
August	135	1000	0	303	4	43	212	1697
September	158	1059	0	346	1	45	292	1901
TOTAL	321	3846	19	765	6	125	568	5650

SOURCE: Summary Shipments and Unloads - Transportation Section  
Market News Branch AMS - USDA

CELERY UNLOADS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS (in trucklot equivalents) JULY 1 to SEPTEMBER 30, 1981

CITY	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	FLORIDA	MICHIGAN	NEW JERSEY	OHIO	OTHER	TOTAL
Albany	12	22	-	3	-	-	2	39
Baltimore	28	69	2	24	1	11	9	144
Boston	123	311	-	46	-	1	-	481
Buffalo	9	17	2	9	-	-	36	73
New York City	136	446	3	52	4	9	16	666
Philadelphia	11	112	1	82	1	19	10	236
Pittsburgh	-	39	-	102	-	2	-	143
Providence	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
TOTAL	319	1020	8	318	6	42	73	1786

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

## CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE - 1979-1981

SEASON AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	<u>A C R E S</u>			<u>A C R E S</u>			<u>HUNDRED WEIGHT</u>		
<u>JULY-DEC.</u>									
Calif. (So. Coast)	2,000	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	2,000	570	585	580
Calif. (Cent. Coast)	10,000	9,400	9,600	9,300	9,200	9,500	546	578	535
Florida	1,800	1,700	1,200	1,800	1,700	1,200	275	250	300
Michigan	2,700	3,200	3,400	2,600	3,100	3,200	443	447	450
New York	650	770	680	600	710	680	468	425	465
Ohio	350	430	470	320	390	440	490	440	360
TOTAL	17,500	17,400	17,350	16,520	17,000	17,020	499	513	500
U.S. TOTAL 1/	37,900	39,000	38,150	35,720	37,250	36,520	493	501	497

## CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1979-1981

SEASON AND STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E					
	1979	1980	1981	PER CWT.			TOTAL		
	<u>1,000 CWT.</u>			<u>DOLLARS</u>			<u>1,000 DOLLARS</u>		
<u>JULY-DEC.</u>									
Calif. (So. Coast)	1,085	1,112	1,160	7.80	12.90	11.70	8,447	14,345	13,572
Calif. (Cent. Coast)	5,075	5,318	5,083	6.67	8.20	10.70	33,859	43,586	54,212
Florida	495	425	360	10.20	15.90	17.20	5,049	6,758	6,192
Michigan	1,152	1,387	1,440	9.52	9.29	10.90	10,982	12,890	15,675
New York	281	302	316	9.03	9.32	13.20	2,537	2,814	4,171
Ohio	157	172	158	7.70	8.40	12.50	1,209	1,445	1,975
TOTAL	8,244	8,716	8,517	7.55	9.39	11.20	62,083	81,838	95,797
U.S. TOTAL 1/	17,600	18,655	18,156	9.15	9.11	11.10	161,042	169,896	201,424

1/ Includes Jan.-June

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA - Vegetables - Fresh Market 1981 Annual Summary.

S W E E T C O R N1981 CROP

ACREAGE: In New York in 1981, 23,000 acres of Sweet Corn for fresh market were planted same as in 1980. Harvested acres were 22,700 in 1981 an increase over 21,700 acres in 1980. The total U.S. Summer Sweet Corn Plantings in 1981 were 135,100 acres, a decrease over the 136,750 acres in 1980 and the 137,100 acres in 1979.

PRODUCTION: The New York State Sweet Corn Production for 1981 was 1,576,000 cwt, a decrease over the 1,628,000 cwt in 1980. The yield per acre in 1981 was 71 cwt compared to 75 cwt in 1980 and 65 cwt in 1979. The U.S. summer production for 1981 was 9,156,000 cwt, a decrease over the 9,307,000 cwt in 1980 and the 9,043,000 cwt in 1979.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Sweet corn plantings began in April with early yielding varieties and continued into May and June. In late April field work was delayed due to cool and wet conditions, but the conditions soon improved allowing the field work to continue. May temperatures were irregular with periods of above and below normal, with periods of light rain, and planting continued at a rapid pace. In early June temperatures were nearly normal, with below normal precipitation, and some early variety sweet corn tasseling. In July, the sunny, warm weather promoted rapid maturing and caused growers to irrigate.

HARVESTING: Light harvest of early varieties began in mid-July. The first offerings were sold mostly to roadside stands. The first of the season commercial shipments began about 4 days later. Weather in August was nearly ideal for growth and field work, and pushed the crop ahead. Peak harvest occurred in late July and early August. In late September harvest was mostly completed with light offerings being made in October. Harvesting was done by manual labor and mechanical harvesters. Most corn for commercial shipments were iced and some hydrocooled.

MARKETING: The first of the season Federal-State Market News Services covering F.O.B. shipping point prices was released July 20th, and the price for Yellow Corn was 4.00-4.50. Soon afterward Yellow corn declined to a low of 3.00-4.50. The following week Yellow Corn rose to 4.50-5.00 only to decline to 3.00-3.50 by mid-August. The month of September found F.O.B. prices rising to a high of 5.00-6.00 by month's end. The final report was issued on September 15th. Most offerings of Sweet Corn were Yellow (several varieties). Light supplies of White Corn were also available. The quality of Sweet Corn was generally good.

PACKAGING AND SHIPMENTS: Hudson Valley corn was packed mostly in wirebound crates, though paper and mesh sacks were also used, primarily for deliveries to roadside stands. All shipments were made by truck and were converted into trucklot equivalents on the basis of 850 containers per trucklot. Total shipments reported during the season numbered 787\*\* compared to the 1,200 in 1980 and 858 in 1979

41 CITIES UNLOADS: The primary markets for New York corn were in the Northeast, New York City as the principal receiving area. Other important markets include Albany, Baltimore-Washington, Buffalo, and Philadelphia.

\*\*(Orange County Truck shipments are incomplete for 1981 Season)

## 1981 HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK SWEET CORN TRUCK SHIPMENTS IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS

WEEK ENDING	WEEKLY TOTAL	WEEK ENDING	WEEKLY TOTAL
July 18	5	Sept. 8	84
25	50	12	75
Aug. 1	112	15	24
8	132		
15	94	1981 TOTAL TRUCKLOTS -	787
22	108	1980 TOTAL TRUCKLOTS -	1200
29	100	1979 TOTAL TRUCKLOTS -	858

U.S. WEEKLY CORN SHIPMENTS IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR 1981 IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS  
(MOVEMENT SHOWN FOR NEW YORK SHIPPING PERIOD)

WEEK ENDING	NY	CA	FL	NC	NJ	WA	TOTAL
July 25	65	96	3	13	87	96	360
Aug. 1	113	79	1	-	55	84	332
8	149	54	1	-	25	76	305
15	110	56	-	-	1	22	189
22	140	45	-	-	-	12	197
29	149	33	-	-	-	16	198
Sept. 5	143	35	-	-	-	18	196
TOTAL	869	398	5	13	168	324	1777

SOURCE: Weekly Summary Shipments and Unloads - Transportation Section - Market News Branch AMS-USDA

HUDSON VALLEY NEW YORK F.O.B. CORN PRICES 1981 SEASON  
Wirebound Crates approximately 4½-5 Dozen

DATE	<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	DATE	<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>WHITE</u>
July 25	3.75-4.00	4.50-5.50	Sept. 5	4.00-5.00	5.00-5.50
Aug. 1	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.50	12	5.50-6.00	6.00-7.00
8	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	15	5.00-6.00	6.00-7.00
15	3.25-3.50	5.00-5.50			
22	3.25-3.50	4.50-5.00			
29	3.00-3.25	5.00-5.50			

1981 WEEKLY PRICE RANGE FOR SALES OF NEW YORK SWEET CORN AT IMPORTANT WHOLESALE MARKETS

Wirebound Crates unless otherwise stated

WEEK ENDING	<u>ATLANTA</u>		<u>BALTIMORE</u>	
	<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>WHITE</u>
July 25	5.25-5.50	6.50-7.00	4.50-5.00	-
Aug. 1	5.00-5.50	6.25-6.50	-	-
8	6.50-7.00	7.00	5.00-6.00	7.00
15	6.50-7.00	7.00-7.50	-	-
22	4.00-4.25	5.50-6.00	-	-
29	-	-	4.50-5.00	-
Sept. 5	5.50-6.00	6.50-7.50	5.00-6.25	7.50-8.00
12	6.50-7.00	8.50	6.00	7.00-8.00

WEEK ENDING	<u>BUFFALO</u>	<u>PHILADELPHIA</u>		<u>NEW YORK CITY</u>
	<u>Y E L L O W</u>	<u>YELLOW</u>	<u>WHITE</u>	<u>Y E L L O W</u>
July 25	5.00-6.00	--	-	
Aug. 1	4.50-5.00	-	-	SWEET CORN
8	4.50-5.00	4.00-5.00	5.00-5.50	not
15	3.50-4.00	4.00	4.00	reported
22	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00	4.50	for
29	3.00-3.50	-	-	1981 Season
Sept. 5	-	-	5.50-6.00	
12	3.50-4.00	6.00-7.00	7.00	



**U.S. MONTHLY SWEET CORN UNLOADS - 41 CITIES - RAIL, BOAT, AND TRUCK COMBINED  
IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS DURING HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK - 1981 ACTIVE SEASON**

DATE	NY	CA	CT	DE	FL	MA	MI	NJ	OH	PA	OTHER	TOTAL
July	108	295	16	33	382	56	15	222	91	14	793	2025
August	303	184	10	29	-	70	81	90	135	46	600	1548
TOTAL	411	479	26	62	382	126	96	312	226	60	1393	3573

Source: Summary Shipments and Unloads - Transportation Section - Market News Branch AMS-USDA

**SWEET CORN UNLOADS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS\* (IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS)  
JULY & AUGUST 1981**

CITY	NY	CT	DE	FL	MA	NJ	OH	PA	OTHER	TOTAL
Albany	35	-	1	1	-	5	-	-	5	47
Baltimore	21	-	4	11	-	12	-	1	72	121
Boston	47	23	-	12	122	16	-	-	65	285
Buffalo	36	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	4	47
New York	165	3	9	47	-	125	-	-	14	363
Philadelphia	18	-	-	10	-	99	-	34	8	169
Pittsburgh	9	-	20	13	-	5	45	23	6	121
St. Louis	3	-	1	7	-	-	29	-	62	102
TOTAL	334	26	35	107	122	263	74	58	236	1255

\* Other Markets with significant New York Corn unloads include: Atlanta 98, Cincinnati 8, Cleveland 3, Columbia 12, Houston 18, Memphis 3, Miami 3, and New Orleans 3

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

## SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET: AREA AND YIELD PER ACRE - 1979-1980

SEASON AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	<u>A C R E S</u>			<u>A C R E S</u>			<u>HUNDRED WEIGHT</u>		
<u>JULY-DEC.</u>									
Alabama	2,100	2,500	3,000	2,100	1,300	2,900	58	43	34
California	8,000	8,150	7,900	8,000	8,150	7,900	116	107	110
Colorado	3,400	3,300	3,400	3,200	3,200	3,200	100	95	97
Connecticut	5,700	4,900	4,400	4,500	4,500	3,700	76	88	60
Florida	13,600	14,300	12,800	12,100	13,200	11,900	64	68	70
Illinois	4,100	4,000	3,900	4,000	3,800	3,700	87	73	81
Massachusetts	9,100	9,200	9,100	7,700	8,200	8,800	84	88	85
Michigan	11,700	11,700	12,000	11,500	11,500	11,500	58	67	61
New Jersey	11,800	10,000	10,300	9,800	9,500	10,100	70	73	78
New York	22,700	23,000	23,000	21,700	21,700	22,200	65	75	71
North Carolina	5,300	5,100	5,000	5,200	4,600	4,800	49	56	65
Ohio	15,400	16,000	16,500	15,000	15,500	15,000	75	70	65
Oregon	1,900	1,800	1,900	1,800	1,700	1,800	110	100	85
Pennsylvania	17,300	17,500	16,600	16,300	16,100	15,800	46	48	55
Virginia	2,400	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,200	2,200	100	80	86
Washington	2,800	2,900	3,000	2,700	2,800	2,800	90	80	75
TOTAL	137,300	136,750	135,100	127,900	127,950	128,300	71	73	71

## SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET: PRODUCTION AND VALUE - 1979-1981

SEASON AND STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E					
	1979	1980	1981	PER CWT.			TOTAL		
	<u>1,000 CWT.</u>			<u>DOLLARS</u>			<u>1,000 DOLLARS</u>		
<u>JULY-DEC.</u>									
Alabama	52	56	100	13.30	7.90	7.50	1,623	442	750
California	900	875	869	9.59	9.37	13.40	8,875	8,196	11,645
Colorado	320	304	310	7.29	6.50	6.70	2,333	1,976	2,077
Connecticut	307	396	222	8.00	9.01	12.20	2,736	3,568	2,708
Florida	774	898	833	11.10	12.20	12.50	8,591	10,956	10,413
Illinois	303	277	300	8.25	10.50	9.99	2,871	2,909	2,997
Massachusetts	647	722	748	8.99	9.09	11.70	5,817	6,563	8,752
Michigan	667	771	702	8.28	8.92	9.84	5,523	6,877	6,908
New Jersey	806	694	788	10.30	12.10	12.40	7,066	8,397	9,771
New York	1,401	1,628	1,576	8.43	9.51	10.70	11,895	15,482	16,863
North Carolina	155	258	312	10.00	9.30	10.30	2,550	2,399	3,214
Ohio	1,125	1,085	975	11.80	9.88	12.30	13,275	10,720	11,993
Oregon	108	170	153	10.80	11.90	13.90	2,138	2,023	2,127
Pennsylvania	750	773	869	10.50	11.50	12.40	7,875	8,890	10,776
Virginia	240	176	189	8.90	9.90	11.50	2,047	1,742	2,174
Washington	213	224	210	9.41	10.20	11.50	2,287	2,285	2,415
TOTAL	9,043	9,307	9,156	9.68	10.00	11.50	87,502	93,425	105,583

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA - Vegetable - Fresh Market 1981 Annual Summary.

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - CORN

WEATHER AND CROP: Field activity began earlier than usual due to widespread dry weather in March and early April. Planting of early sweet corn began by April 15, 1981, and planting volume increased steadily through May, becoming very active by mid-May. Adequate rain and favorable temperatures resulted in good growth and corn plantings were in excellent condition through June. By mid-July, sweet corn harvesting had begun, with volume increasing steadily through July and August. Peak volume occurred the last week of August and into the first week of September. Thereafter, volume decreased due to continuous rains and wet fields.

MARKETING: Shippers in Western and Central New York packed sweet corn either in wirebound crates  $4\frac{1}{2}$  - 5 dozen per crate, or in paper sacks approximately 50 ears per bag. Hydrocooling or top ice was included in F.O.B. price quotations.

The first F.O.B. report was issued on Wednesday, July 22, 1981, with prices for yellow corn initially at \$4.25 for crates, and \$5.00-5.50 for bags. Through early August, with demand exceeding light supplies, prices held steady. By mid-August, supplies were heavy, demand fairly light, and prices lower.

During September, prices rose to seasonal highs, due in part to heavy, continuous rains which often curtailed harvest. Good demand and light supplies pushed F.O.B. prices to a seasonal high of \$6.00 per crate for Yellow corn.

The marketing season ended earlier than normal, in large part due to poor harvest conditions throughout September.

MOVEMENT: The 1981 crop movement totaled 356 trucklots (40,000 lbs.), 11% less than the 400 trucklots shipped in 1980, and 25% less than the 477 trucklots shipped 1979.

John Shirley  
Local Representative

CORN - 1981 SEASON  
WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK  
F.O.B. PRICES

WEEK ENDING	Hydrocooling and Top Ice Included			
	<u>Crates 4 1/2 - 5 Dozen ears</u>		<u>Paper Sacks Approx. 50 Ears</u>	
	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>White</u>
July 24	4.00-4.25	-	5.00-5.50	-
31	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.75	4.50-5.50	-
Aug. 7	4.50-5.00	5.50-5.75	4.50-5.00	5.25-5.75
14	3.25-5.00	4.50-6.25	3.50-5.00	4.50-5.50
21	3.00-3.25	4.00-5.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-4.50
28	3.00-3.75	4.50-5.00	3.00-3.25	4.00
Sept. 4	3.50-5.00	4.75-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00
11	4.75-5.50	5.75-7.00	4.00-4.50	-
18	5.00-6.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-5.00	5.00
25	5.00-5.50	6.50-7.00	4.50-5.00	-

1981 WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - SWEET CORN  
TRUCK SHIPMENTS IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS (40,000 lb. units)

WEEK ENDING	WEEKLY TOTAL
July 31	25
Aug. 7	32
14	29
21	39
28	57
Sept. 4	72
11	33
18	35
25	33
29	12

SHIPMENTS BY SEASON:

1981 Total Trucklots 356  
 1980 Total Trucklots 400  
 1979 Total Trucklots 477

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - CUCUMBERS

WEATHER AND CROP: Generally dry weather in March and early April allowed growers to begin field work earlier than normal. Favorable weather resulted in excellent early growth and an average set. Harvest began by mid-July, steadily increasing through August, and peaking about the last week of August. Heavy, continuous rains in September resulted in light supplies during the first two weeks of September. Cucumber quality was affected adversely, and the shipping season finished early, generally by mid-September.

MARKETING: The first cucumber F.O.B. report was released on Wednesday, July 22, 1981, with first quotations at \$6.00-6.50 for bushel cartons of mediums and \$3.00-3.25 for 24's, all U.S. One washed and waxed.

Prices remained in the \$6.00-6.50 range for mediums in bushel cartons until mid-August. Prices then slumped to \$4.75-5.50 until the last week of August, when a higher price trend was established. Mediums rose, trading in a wide range due to variable quality, to \$7.00-10.00 per bushel by mid-September. Generally light supplies were available during most of September due to heavy rains.

The last F.O.B. report was issued on Tuesday, September 15, 1981.

MOVEMENT: The 1981 crop movement totaled 634 trucklots (40,000 lbs.), compared with 501 for the 1980 crop, and 622 for the 1979 crop.

John Shirley,  
Local Representative

CUCUMBERS - 1981 SEASON  
WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK  
F.O.B. PRICES

WEEK ENDING	U.S. NO. 1, WASHED, WAXED		
	1-1/9 bu.ctn. Medium	Small	Cartons 24
July 24	6.00-6.50	-	2.75-3.25
31	6.00-6.50	4.50-5.00	2.50-3.00
Aug. 7	6.00-6.50	4.50-5.00	1.75-2.50
14	4.75-6.50	4.50-5.00	1.50-2.00
21	4.75-6.50	-	1.25-2.00
28	6.00-7.50	-	1.80-2.00
Sept. 4	7.50-9.00	-	2.50-3.50
11	7.00-10.00	-	2.25-3.50
18	7.00	-	2.25-2.50

1981 WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK CUCUMBERS TRUCK SHIPMENTS IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS (40,000 LB. UNITS)

WEEK ENDING	WEEKLY TOTAL
July 28	50
Aug. 7	125
14	92
21	104
28	115
Sept. 4	69
11	63
14	16

1981 TOTAL Trucklots - 634

LETTUCE1981 CROP

ACREAGE: According to Statistical Reporting Service total July-December planted in New York in 1981 was 4,100 the same as 1980. Harvested acreage in New York in 1981 was 3,800, the same as in 1980. For the U.S. total July-December season, 127,480 acres were planted in 1981 which was less than the 153,450 acres in 1980. Harvested acreage for 1981 was 125,100, a sharp decline from the 148,400 acres in 1980.

PRODUCTION: New York's total 1981 production was 741,000 cwt a decrease over the 798,000 cwt in 1980. The average yield per acre in New York for 1981 was 195 cwt a decrease over the 210 cwt in 1980. The total U.S. July-December production in 1981 was 35,055,000 cwt compared to 39,029,000 cwt in 1980. The average yield per acre in 1981 was 289 cwt, an increase over 263 cwt in 1980.

PACKAGING: Iceberg lettuce was packed in cartons containing 24 heads and was vacuum cooled. Romaine lettuce was packed in 1 1/9 bushel crates or cartons. Big Boston lettuce was packed in Eastern Boston crates containing 24 heads.

TRANSPORTATION: All shipments were made by truck. Truck shipments were converted to trucklot equivalents by using the factors of 800 cartons per trucklot for Iceberg Type lettuce and 1300 packages per trucklot for Boston and Romaine types lettuce.

41 CITIES UNLOADS: New York lettuce was primarily shipped to Northeastern Markets. Philadelphia was the primary receiving market followed by New York City, Albany, Baltimore-Washington, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh.

EASTERN NEW YORK - ORANGE COUNTY

GROWING CONDITIONS: Lettuce seeding began in April with cool and wet weather delaying planting, but more favorable conditions soon followed allowing planting to continue. May weather was irregular with a wide range of temperatures above and below normal with periods of rain. June temperatures and rainfall were about normal. Early July had slightly above normal temperatures and some growers were irrigating. Lettuce was in good condition and made good growth.

HARVEST: Light cutting of Boston and Romaine types of Lettuce began about mid-June and was following by light harvest of Iceberg lettuce. In early July, harvest was in full swing and all lettuce was in good condition. July warm temperatures brought some fields to maturity. The harvest in September, with cooler temperatures, came to conclusion with few field problems.

SHIPMENTS: Heaviest shipments were recorded between the weeks ending July 4 and 25. The Eastern New York and Western New York seasons overlapped, with peak shipments for both occurring the week ending July 18th with 259 trucklot equivalents for the week. Total shipments reported during the season for Orange County numbered 387 trucklot equivalents compared to 538 in 1980 and 568 in 1979.\*\*

MARKETING: The first market report issued by the Federal-State Market News Service covering F.O.B. Shipping Point prices for lettuce was released on July 20, 1981, and listed cartons of Iceberg lettuce at 10.00 (including vacuum cooling charges), F.O.B. Prices declined to 8.00 July 29th, then declined to 6.00-7.00 where the price remained stable the balance of season. Demand for Boston Type lettuce and Romaine was good and the start of the season prices for Boston was 6.00-7.00, Romaine 5.00-6.00 throughout the month of July. The first part of August found Boston Type declining to 5.00-6.00, while Romaine remained 5.00-6.00, where they remained the balance of season. In September, there were a scattering of light supplies and were insufficient to quote prices.

\*\* (Orange County Total shipments are incomplete for 1981 Season)

WESTERN NEW YORK - LETTUCE

WEATHER AND CROP: By the last week of April, most lettuce transplants were in the ground, and early seeded lettuce was starting its second leaf. May weather was generally favorable, and seeding continued, became more active by mid-May. Seeding continued on schedule through June, with cutting beginning in early July. Cutting increased in volume during July, and was very active during most of August, although slowed or curtailed at times by rain.

During September, harvest was curtailed often by heavy rains, and only light supplies were available for most of the month. Harvest was generally finished by October 1, 1981.

MARKETING: The first Iceberg Lettuce F.O.B. report was issued on Wednesday, July 1, 1981, with initial quotations at \$5.00-6.00 per carton of 24 heads, vacuum cooling charges included. Heavy supplies and light to moderate demand depressed prices the first 10-12 days of July. By mid-July, demand increased rapidly, often exceeding supplies. Prices peaked during the last two weeks of July, ranging from \$8.50-11.00 per carton.

In early August, demand tailed off, prices declined to \$5.00-7.00 per carton, and harvesting was interrupted on several occasions by rain.

Intermittent showers during late August, and heavy rains during September limited supplies and resulted in variable quality lettuce. Prices during this period rose slightly, to \$6.00-7.50 per carton.

Heavy rains finished most shippers in early September, with only light, intermittent supplies available through the end of September.

MOVEMENT: The 1981 crop movement totaled 1327 trucklots (40,000 lbs.), compared to 1246 trucklots for the 1980 season, and 1101 trucklots for the 1979 season.

John Shirley  
Local Representative



## WEEKLY NEW YORK ICEBERG TYPE LETTUCE TRUCK SHIPMENTS - 1981 SEASON, SHOWN IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS

WEEK ENDING	ORANGE COUNTY	WESTERN NEW YORK	TOTAL NEW YORK
June 20	7	-	7
27	45	-	45
July 4	49	50	99
11	39	125	164
18	63	196	259
25	41	151	192
Aug. 1	29	115	144
8	7	167	174
15	0	144	144
22	0	152	152
29	14	131	145
Sept. 5	12	74	86
12	20	23	43
19	17	-	17
26	20	-	20
Oct. 3	17	-	17
10	3	-	3
14	4	-	4
1981 TOTAL	387	1328	1715
1980 TOTAL	538	1245	1793
1979 TOTAL	568	1101	1669

## WEEKLY NEW YORK ROMAINE &amp; BOSTON TYPE LETTUCE TRUCK SHIPMENTS 1981 SEASON SHOWN IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS

WEEK ENDING	ORANGE COUNTY
July 4	18
11	31
18	23
25	7
Aug. 1	9
8	4
15	17
22	4
29	15
Sept. 5	14
12	11
16	3
TOTAL	156

U.S. WEEKLY ICEBERG TYPE LETTUCE SHIPMENTS (RAIL & TRUCK)  
IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR - 1981

WEEK ENDING	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	COLORADO	NEW JERSEY	TEXAS	TOTAL
June 27	45	2727	-	38	-	2810
July 4	100	2326	-	6	-	2432
11	164	2261	44	-	-	2469
18	261	2349	87	-	-	2697
25	189	2002	243	-	-	2434
Aug. 1	143	2159	238	-	-	2540
8	176	2289	274	-	-	2739
15	144	2153	233	-	-	2530
22	153	2342	154	-	-	2649
29	145	2570	174	-	-	2889
Sept. 5	86	2973	167	-	-	3226
12	42	2457	92	-	-	2591
19	21	2722	77	-	-	2820
26	19	2899	-	50	19	2987
Oct. 3	16	2819	-	104	59	2998
TOTAL	1704	37048	1783	198	78	40811

SOURCE: Transportation Section, Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK F.O.B. LETTUCE PRICES  
1981 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	WESTERN NEW YORK	ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK		
	ICEBERG, CTNS 24s Vacuum Cooling Incl.	ICEBERG CTNS 24S	BOSTON TYPE EASTERN BOSTON CRTS 24S	ROMAINE 1 1/9 BU. CRTS
July 3	5.00-6.00	-	-	-
10	4.25-5.00	-	-	-
17	5.00-10.50	-	-	-
24	8.50-10.60	10.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
31	7.00-11.00	8.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
Aug. 7	5.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
14	6.00-7.25	-	-	-
21	6.00-7.50	-	-	-
28	6.00-7.50	-	-	-
Sept. 4	6.00-6.75	-	-	-

## 1981 WEEKLY PRICE RANGE OF NEW YORK LETTUCE SALES AT WHOLESALE TERMINAL MARKETS

WEEK ENDING	<u>PHILADELPHIA</u>		<u>BALTIMORE</u>	<u>NEW YORK CITY</u>
	<u>ICEBERG</u> CTNS 24S	<u>ROMAINE</u> 1 1/9 BU. CRTS. OR CTNS	<u>ICEBERG</u> CTNS 24S	
July 24	9.00-11.00	8.00	10.00	LETTUCE Sales not reported for 1981 Season
31	8.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	-	
Aug. 7	5.50-6.00	7.00-7.50	8.00-8.50	

U.S. MONTHLY ICEBERG LETTUCE UNLOADS - 47 CITIES - RAIL AND TRUCK COMBINED IN TRUCKLOT  
EQUIVALENTS BY STATE OF ORIGIN DURING NEW YORK 1981 ACTIVE SHIPPING SEASON

DATE	NY	CA	CO	MI	NJ	TX	WI	OTHER	TOTAL
July	289	6183	110	32	32	-	38	548	7234
August	207	5596	319	34	6	1	25	428	6616
September	93	6831	158	33	41	1	35	335	7527
TOTAL	589	18610	587	99	79	2	98	1311	21377

SOURCE: Summary Shipments and Unloads - Transportation Section - Market News Branch AMS-USDA

ICEBERG LETTUCE UNLOADS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS (IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS)  
JULY 1 - SEPT 30, 1981

CITY	NY	CA	CO	MI	NJ	WI	OTHER	TOTAL
Albany	50	103	3	-	-	-	1	157
Balt-Wash.	30	429	63	1	6	8	1	538
Boston	47	1327	5	-	3	-	26	1408
Buffalo	32	136	19	-	-	-	76	263
NYC-Newark	115	2481	72	-	21	16	-	2705
Phila.	215	719	24	14	10	23	3	1008
Pittsburgh	12	433	18	1	1	5	3	473
Providence	-	103	-	-	-	-	-	103
TOTAL	501	5731	204	16	41	52	110	6655

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

**LETTUCE FOR FRESH MARKET: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE**  
1979 - 1981

SEASON AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981	1979	1980	1981
	<u>A C R E S</u>			<u>A C R E S</u>			<u>HUNDRED WEIGHT</u>		
<b>JULY-DEC.</b>									
Arizona-Yuma	13,200	13,100	8,500	13,200	13,100	8,500	201	184	265
Arizona-Other	4,700	19,700	3,500	4,700	19,700	3,500	198	222	200
California	93,900	97,400	93,400	92,100	95,600	93,400	284	298	300
Colorado	6,300	5,000	5,100	6,200	4,600	4,600	220	205	250
Florida	3,000	3,400	2,500	2,600	3,600	2,300	130	125	140
Michigan	1,500	1,600	1,400	1,400	1,200	1,200	200	210	215
New Jersey	1,800	1,500	1,800	1,300	1,300	1,700	191	210	240
New Mexico	3,300	3,200	3,500	3,200	3,200	2,800	200	185	210
New York	4,000	4,100	4,100	3,600	3,800	3,800	195	210	195
Ohio	900	850	700	800	600	550	110	135	110
Texas	1,900	1,100	700	1,700	900	600	210	175	200
Washington	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200	170	200	195
Wisconsin	1,200	1,200	980	1,100	600	950	215	210	210
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137,000</b>	<b>153,450</b>	<b>127,480</b>	<b>132,900</b>	<b>148,400</b>	<b>125,100</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>280</b>

**LETTUCE FOR FRESH MARKET: PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1979-1981**

SEASON AND STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E					
	1979	1980	1981	PER CWT.			T O T A L		
	<u>1,000 CWT.</u>			<u>DOLLARS</u>			<u>1,000 DOLLARS</u>		
<b>JULY-DEC.</b>									
Arizona-Yuma	2,649	2,413	2,253	7.06	9.23	7.99	18,714	22,264	18,001
Arizona-Other	931	4,374	700	8.97	8.35	7.99	8,351	36,534	5,593
California 1/	26,120	28,478	28,020	7.14	8.29	10.10	186,399	236,108	283,002
Colorado	1,320	943	1,150	7.74	8.31	10.60	10,217	7,836	12,190
Florida	322	375	322	13.80	17.60	18.10	4,664	6,600	5,828
Michigan	280	252	258	22.00	19.30	28.00	6,160	4,864	7,224
New Jersey	248	273	408	10.10	9.65	11.80	2,504	2,635	4,814
New Mexico	640	518	588	9.11	9.90	9.99	5,830	5,128	5,874
New York	702	798	741	12.00	13.60	18.20	8,424	10,853	13,486
Ohio	88	81	61	30.70	34.60	42.90	2,702	2,803	2,617
Texas	357	158	120	9.42	7.88	13.50	3,363	1,245	1,620
Washington	204	240	234	11.70	12.80	13.30	2,387	3,072	3,112
Wisconsin	239	126	200	8.50	9.60	9.60	2,015	1,210	1,920
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,114</b>	<b>39,029</b>	<b>35,055</b>	<b>7.67</b>	<b>8.74</b>	<b>10.40</b>	<b>261,730</b>	<b>341,152</b>	<b>365,281</b>

1/ Excludes the following quantities not harvested or not marketed because of economic conditions:  
1979 Jan-June - 1,153,000 CWT; 1979 July-Dec - 425,000 CWT; 1980 Jan-June - 235,000 CWT.

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board SRS-USDA - Vegetable Fresh Market 1981 Annual Summary.